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WHAT YOU ARE SEEING NOW IS THE VIDEO TAKEN BY ONE OF OUR *ARMORED ROBOTS* AFTER THE CREATURE DISABLED IT.

OUR VIRTUAL REALITY TECHS COULDN'T USE IT IN THE FINAL MIX FOR OUR DEMONSTRATION...

...SO DOCTORS GUILEY SUGGESTED I SHOW THIS TO YOU AS AN APPETIZER OF SORTS.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU EAT, BUT I CAN USUALLY *SEE* THE APPETIZERS AT THE RESTAURANTS I VISIT.

YES, I'M SURE YOU DO. THE CURRENT IMAGE QUALITY IS TERRIBLE, I AGREE. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THIS TAPE, THE CREATURE IS IN SHARP FOCUS.

I'M NOT GETTING ANY SENSE OF SCALE. HOW BIG ARE THESE GUYS?

ACTUALLY, THAT'S WHY THE *VR* TECHS REJECTED THIS VIDEO. THE IMAGING AND TARGETING COMPUTER SYSTEMS WERE DAMAGED, AND WHEN THIS WAS TRANSMITTED ALL THE SIZE PROPORTIONS WERE MUDDLED.

THAT DOESN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION.

YES, OF COURSE... OUR FELLOW WAS WEARING AN *M3 ARMADILLO BATTLESUIT*, THEY ARE 250 CENTIMETERS TALL, UM, I BELIEVE THAT'S JUST OVER EIGHT FEET, FOR YOU AMERICANS.

THIS CREATURE IS CONSIDERABLY LARGER. I DON'T HAVE ITS DIMENSIONS ON HAND, BUT I'M CERTAIN THE *VR* TECHNICIANS COULD PROVIDE THEM FOR YOU. AH...

HERE WE ARE, IT'S RATHER... INTERESTING LOOKING, ISN'T IT?

WOW!

IT'S *UGLY!*

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UM, YES. YOU COULD SAY THAT.
YOU COULD ALSO SAY IT LOOKS LIKE IT MADE SHORT WORK OF THE GUY IN THE BATTLESUIT.
WELL, IT DID.
AH, WELL, WE'RE AT THE END OF THIS VIDEO, SO I'LL JUST STOP THIS HERE.
THIS BEING THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING BETWEEN BIOCHEM HEALTH AND CROSSBOW TECHNOLOGY, DOCTORS GUILEY HAD ME PREPARE A SITUATION REPORT.
COPIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF YOU AFTER THE MEETING.
THIS REPORT IS THE SUMMARY OF ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER ABOUT THIS CREATURE AND ITS PAST ACTIVITIES.
REPORTS OF THE CREATURE'S RECENT MOVEMENTS AND ACTIONS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.
IT SEEMS AXIOM ENTERPRISES HAS INVOLVED ITSELF, AND IN COVERING ITS OWN ACTIONS, THEY ARE COVERING THE CREATURE'S, AS WELL.
DOCTORS GUILEY SHOULD BE ARRIVING SHORTLY.
UNTIL THEN, PERHAPS I SHOULD SUMMARIZE THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT.
I TOLD YOU HE'D BE HERE.
APOLOGIES FOR OUR TARDINESS.

WE WERE UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED.
BUT WE ALWAYS PREFERRED TO BE FASHIONABLY LATE.
WHAT DID I TELL YOU? HE'S GOT A REALLY BIG HEAD.
IT'S NOT BIG, IT'S HUGE!
MAN, I BET HIS MOTHER STILL HASN'T FORGIVEN HIM. WHAT DO THEY CALL HIM AGAIN?
THINKTANK.
HA!
MY GOD, HE'S A WALKING AD FOR EXCEDRIN!
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE SEE HIM ON THE STREET?
I MEAN WHAT DO THEY THINK?
WE'D PREFER...
...THEY THOUGHT WE HAD A GREAT DEAL ON OUR MIND.

LAMONT, PROCEED WITH YOUR SUMMARY.
OUR INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO UNCOVER ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CREATURE PRIOR TO THE NEW YORK SUBWAY INCIDENT.
WE'VE OBTAINED COPIES OF ALL POLICE RECORDS RELEVANT TO THIS AND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS.
YOU'RE SLEEPING ON THE COUCH TONIGHT, BUDDY.
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU'VE BEEN HUMILIATED.
"THE CREATURE MATERIALIZED IN A SUBWAY CAR AND PROCEEDED TO INCAPACITATE A GROUP OF THUGS WHO WERE ASSAULTING THE OTHER PASSENGERS.
"THE CREATURE FOLLOWED THIS BY WIPING OUT AN ENTIRE MOTORCYCLE CLUB. THE FIRST SAMPLE OF THE CREATURE'S BLOOD WAS OBTAINED AT THIS SITE.
"WE HAVE PARTIAL REPORTS OF THE CREATURE INTERFERING IN A BANK ROBBERY AND TWO BATTLES WITH OTHER CREATURES IN THE SUBURBS."

AND AFTER THAT, ALL WE HAVE ARE RUMORS OF ITS KILLING A DRUG DEALER, RAMPAGING THROUGH A HOSPITAL AND A BRIEF APPEARANCE AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
THE POLICE WERE UNABLE TO ANALYZE THE MAGENTA FLUID OBTAINED AT THE MOTORCYCLE INCIDENT AND SENT IT TO BIOCHEM HEALTH'S LABS.
DNA TESTING REVEALED THE BLOOD CAME FROM A HUMAN/ALIEN HYBRID. THE POTENTIAL FOR MEDICAL AND MILITARY RESEARCH ARE TRULY ENORMOUS.
THE POTENTIAL PROFITS ARE EQUALLY ENORMOUS.
YOU AND THE OTHER EXECUTIVES AT BIOCHEM HEALTH REALIZED YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO OBTAIN OR HOLD THE CREATURE. THAT'S WHY YOU CONTACTED OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT CROSSBOW.
IN FRONT OF YOU ARE A PAIR OF OUR VIRTUAL REALITY UNITS. PLEASE PUT THEM ON.
WE AT CROSSBOW HAVE BOTH THE RESOURCES TO CAPTURE THIS CREATURE AND THE FACILITIES TO CONTAIN IT FOR YOU TO STUDY IT.
THE FOLLOWING IS A VIRTUAL REALITY RECORD OF A PRELIMINARY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CREATURE. THIS OCCURRED TWO DAYS AGO.

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THE RECENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE SAME SUBURBAN AREA AS THE TWO BATTLES WITH THE OTHER CREATURES.
WE DETERMINED THAT THE CREATURE HAS SOME TERRITORIAL INSTINCT, OR SOME OTHER TIE TO THIS AREA. IT MADE FINDING IT MUCH SIMPLER.
urf?
SURPRISINGLY, THE CREATURE DEMONSTRATED HIGHLY ACUTE SENSES.
WHAT?!
AS WELL AS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FACILITY WITH LANGUAGE.
THE CREATURE SURPRISED US AGAIN; IT DIDN'T ATTEMPT TO FLEE FROM OUR ATTACK GROUP.

IN FACT, IT WAITED FOR THEM TO LAND.
AND IT SEEMED EAGER TO FIGHT!
Urrf?
UM, EXCUSE ME, AREN'T THOSE BATTLE ROBOTS AND BATTLE SUITS RATHER, UH, OLD?
YES. THEY ARE. THE M3 ARMADILLO BATTLE SUITS AND M12 JACKRABBIT ROBOTS ARE NO LONGER STATE OF THE ART; HOWEVER, THEY WERE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THIS MISSION.
AGAIN, THE CREATURE WAITED FOR US TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.
WHILE THE DOG MADE ITS ESCAPE.

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THE CREATURE SEEMED TO DIG IN, ALMOST AS IF IT WERE PREPARED FOR ITS ENEMY TO RUN OUT OF AMMUNITION.
OPERATING ON PRE-EXISTING PROGRAMMING, ALL THREE JACKRABBITS LAUNCHED THEIR FULL COMPLEMENT OF HELLSTRIKE MISSILES.
36 MISSILES IN TOTAL STRUCK THE CREATURE.

FORTUNATELY, THE CREATURE PROVED AS RESILIENT AS WE EXPECTED
IN OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER, WE'LL BE DEPLOYING BURROWING/ TRACKER MINES AT THE BATTLE SITE TO COUNTER ITS AFFINITY FOR DIGGING.
HERE THE CREATURE IS DEMONSTRATING WHY WE DECOMMISSIONED THE M12s...
THAT SHOULD STOP THIS FROM HAPPENING.

WE WERE SURPRISED AT BOTH HOW--AND HOW EASILY-- THE CREATURE DISPATCHED UNIT SIX
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WHEN WE CAPTURE THE CREATURE, WE WILL BE USING AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE M-17 JACKRABBITS
ka-rang
drung
KUNK
THEY ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO THE M-12'S SINGLE LAYER OF ARMOR AND LIMITED ARSENAL
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ALSO, THE M-17'S WILL BE SET TO SELF-DESTRUCT IF THE CREATURE ACTUALLY INVADES THE UNIT.

AFTER LOSING A UNIT MUCH SOONER THAN EXPECTED, WE DIRECTED THE TEAM TO MOVE ON ITS PRIMARY GOAL
WE HAD UNIT NINE LEFT OPEN FOR AN ATTACK AT CLOSE RANGE.
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THIS WAS THE ONLY PART OF THE ASSIGNMENT THAT WENT AS PLANNED.

AT THIS POINT THE CREATURE SHOULD HAVE COME UNDER FIRE FROM THE OTHER UNITS...
...AND THE DELAY ALMOST RUINED THE ENTIRE MISSION
HAD THE CREATURE DISABLED THE BATTLE-SUIT, THE EQUIPMENT STORING THE BLOOD SAMPLE WOULD HAVE SHUT DOWN
THE BLOOD WOULD HAVE COAGULATED, AND BEEN ALL BUT USELESS FOR OUR PURPOSES.
WE'VE OFTEN SAID. "YOU CAN BE SMARTER, YOU CAN BE MORE EXPERIENCED AND BETTER PREPARED, BUT SOMETIMES..

YOU JUST HAVE TO BE LUCKIER.
UNIT THREE THEN LOCKED UP THE SAMPLE AND PREPARED TO COMPLETE HER PART OF THIS MISSION
WE COULD HAVE EXTRACTED THE REMAINING TEAM AS WE HAD ACHIEVED OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, BUT WE WANTED TO TEST ONE LAST ATTACK ON THE CREATURE.
HE TARGETED THE CREATURE'S PAIN CENTER.
IN RESPONSE, THE CREATURE SEEMED TO LOCK INTO UNIT TWO'S PSYCHIC FREQUENCY.
EVEN WEIGHED AGAINST THE COST, THE INFORMATION WE OBTAINED SHOULD PROVE VITAL.
IT REVERSED THE PSI ATTACK
AND INCREASED THE STRENGTH OF THE ASSAULT TO A BETA-CLASS LEVEL.
UNIT TWO IS A DELTA-CLASS PSYCHIC.
UNIT TWO HAD A GRAND MAL SEIZURE AND IS STILL IN COMA.

WITH ONLY TWO FULLY FUNCTIONAL UNITS ON THE FIELD, EXTRACTION WAS NO LONGER AN OPTION
ALL WE COULD DO WAS WITNESS THE BATTLE'S CONCLUSION

OUR SPECIALISTS ARE STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE THE LIMITS OF THE CREATURE'S STRENGTH.
WE ARE ASSUMING IT COULD LIFT MUCH MORE THAN THIS, AND IT COULD HAVE THROWN THE M1Z CONSIDERABLY FURTHER.

THE COLLISION RUPTURED BOTH UNITS' FUEL CELLS AND DETONATED THEIR REMAINING AMMUNITION.
QUITE IMPRESSIVE. THE EXPLOSION, WE MEAN.

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UNIT ONE SURVIVED THE BLAST, ALTHOUGH, HE WAS STUNNED.
THE CREATURE ALSO SURVIVED.
AND IT SURPRISED US YET AGAIN. INSTEAD OF KILLING THE MAN, IT TRIED TO INTERROGATE HIM.
WHO ARE YOU?
OF COURSE, OUR PLANS COULD BE SCUTTLED IF THE CREATURE WERE TO LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT US.
ANSWER ME, NOW!!
WE DETONATED A SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IMPLANTED IN UNIT ONE'S BRAIN. HE FELT VERY LITTLE PAIN.
IT'S SAD, REALLY...
WE UNDERSTAND HE JUST BECAME A FATHER.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE CAPTURE OF THIS CREATURE ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY.
OVER TWENTY-SIX GROUND-BASED ARMOR UNITS AND TWENTY AIR COMBAT UNITS ARE BEING PREPPED AS WE SPEAK.
WE'RE MODIFYING FORTY BATTLESUITS FOR OUR GROUND TROOPS. THE ALPHA AND BETA CLASS PSYCHICS' COMBAT GEAR IS ALSO BEING UPGRADED.
SOME OF THE NUMBERS MIGHT CHANGE AS WE RUN THROUGH THE HOLOGRAPHIC TRAINING EXERCISES. BUT WE'RE CONFIDENT WE WON'T NEED MUCH MORE THAN THIS.
ANY QUESTIONS?

Uh, WHERE DID YOU SAY ALL THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN?
WE DIDN'T SAY. IT SEEMS THE CREATURE'S TERRITORY IS IN CONNECTICUT.
CONNECTICUT...
MY MOM LIVES THERE.
WELL, THEN YOU CAN DO ONE OF TWO THINGS: IF YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER, GET HER TO MOVE, NOW.
IF YOU DON'T LOVE HER, MAKE SURE HER LIFE INSURANCE IS PAID UP.

AFTER THIS BATTLE THERE MAY NO LONGER BE A CONNECTICUT.
Richard Pace '96